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Hon. James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re: Broussard Zone, Reservoirs D and E, Lake
Arthur Field, Jefferson Davis Parish,
Louisiana

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Noble Energy, Inc. to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, pertaining to the following matters relative to the Broussard Zone, Reservoirs D and E, Lake Arthur Field, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Broussard Zone, Reservoirs D and E, Lake Arthur Field, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana;
2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the Broussard Zone, Reservoirs D and E, designated as the BROU RD SUA and the BROU RE SUA, as shown on the plat attached hereto;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the reservoir by supplemental order, without the necessity of a

public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation;

5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the Broussard Zone, Reservoirs D and E.

The Broussard Zone, Reservoirs D and E in the Lake Arthur Field, is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the of 9,815 feet and 10,165 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Davis Oil Company-L. Lejeune No. 1 Well located in Section 25, Township 10 South, Range 5 West, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana.

No request for the pre-application conference was received, and accordingly it **WILL NOT BE HELD**.

In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for posting of the legal notice and unit plat in a prominent place in the area of Lake Arthur Field. Additionally, the legal notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of Lake Arthur Field at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

All pertinent data relating to this proposed application may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from Cutright & Hardwick, P. O. Box 80972, Lafayette, Louisiana, 70598-0972, (337) 232-7756.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the proposed BROU RD SUA and BROU RE SUA, in the Broussard Field, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana. Also enclosed to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager **ONLY** is a list of Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom a copy of this notice is being sent. Copies of this list will be provided upon request. A reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties or Represented Parties.

Very truly yours,

STRAIN, DENNIS, MAYHALL
& BATES, L.L.P.

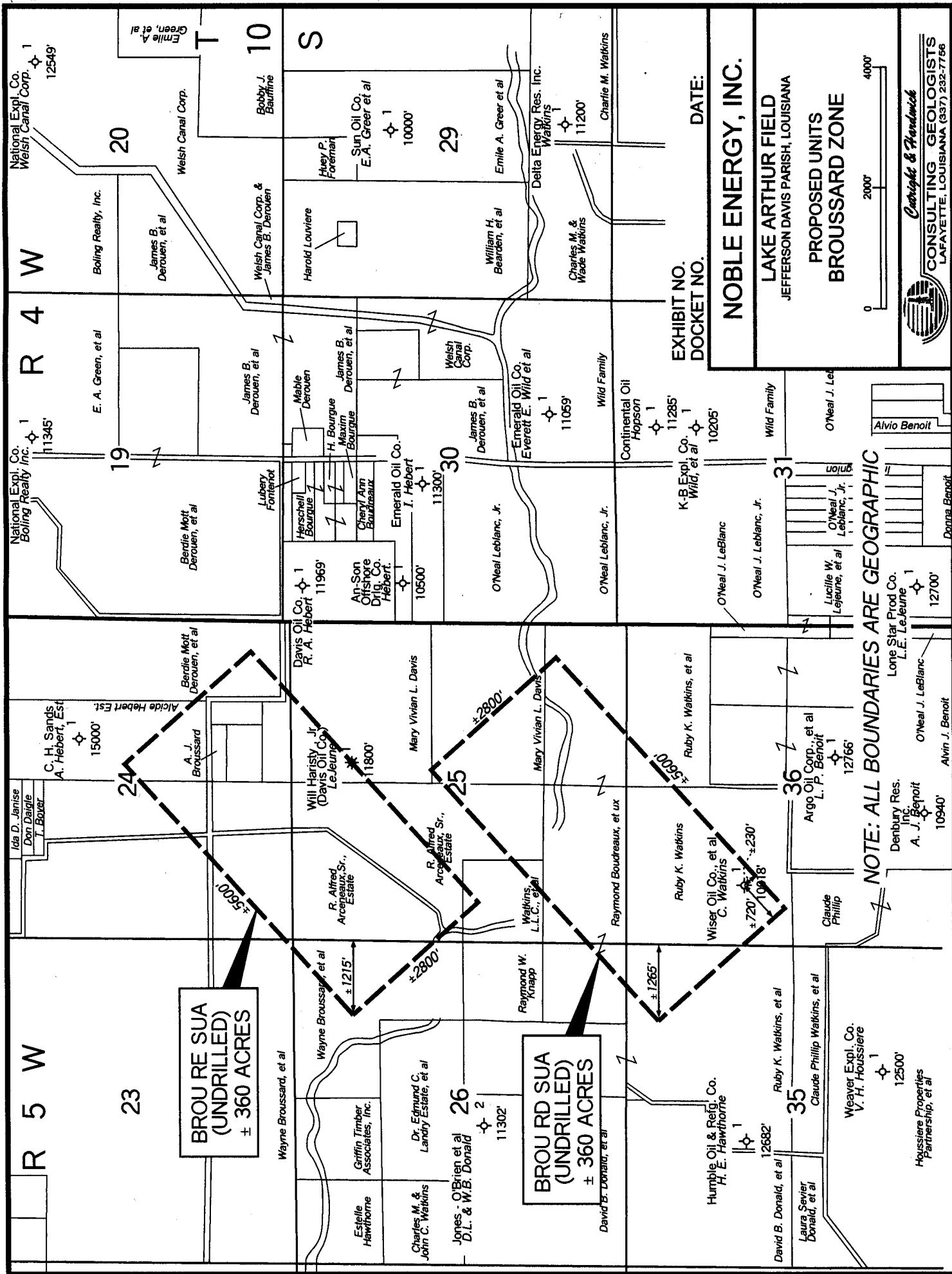


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cc: Mr. Richard Hudson
District Manager

Interested Parties
Interested Owners
Represented Parties



NOTE: ALL BOUNDARIES ARE GEOGRAPHIC